

APPENDIX D: DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS

DEFINITIONS

Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) – A public service organization of licensed amateur radio operators who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment to provide emergency communications for public service events as needed.

Commission on National and Community Service – A new office under the Executive Office of the Mayor that will run competitive grant processes and administer grant funds to local nonprofit or public organizations, institutions of higher education, and District government agencies.

Consequence Management – Measures taken to protect public health and safety, restore essential government services, and provide emergency relief to governments, businesses, and individuals affected by the consequences of terrorism. State and local governments exercise primary authority to respond to the consequences of terrorism. (Source: FRP Terrorism Incident Annex, page TI-2, April 1999). The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has been designated the lead federal agency (LFA) for consequence management to ensure that the Federal Response Plan is adequate to respond to terrorism. Additionally, FEMA supports the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in crisis management.

Council of Governments (COG) – A regional organization of Metropolitan Washington area local governments composed of 17 local governments surrounding our nation's capital, plus area members of the Maryland and Virginia legislatures, the U.S. Senate, and the U.S. House of Representatives

Crisis Management – This is the law enforcement aspect of an incident that involves measures to identify, acquire, and plan the resources needed to anticipate, prevent, and/or resolve a threat of terrorism. The FBI is the LFA for crisis management for such an incident. (Source: FBI) During crisis management, the FBI coordinates closely with local law enforcement authorities to provide successful law enforcement resolution to the incident. The FBI also coordinates with other federal authorities, including FEMA. (Source: FRP Terrorism Incident Annex, April 1999)

DC Public Service Commission - An independent District Government agency established by Congress in 1913 to regulate the electric, gas and telephone companies in the District by functioning as a quasi-judicial agency.

Disaster Field Office – The primary field location for the coordination of federal response and recovery operations.

Disaster Medical Assistance Team – A group that stabilizes and transports victims of disasters.

Disaster Mortuary Response Team – A group that provides victim identification and mortuary services.

Emergency Alert System (EAS) – A system established by the FCC in November of 1994 to replace the Emergency Broadcast System (EBS) as a tool the President and others might use to warn the public about emergency situations.

Emergency Broadcast System (EBS) – A system replaced by the EAS that was composed of AM, FM, and TV broadcast stations; low-power TV stations; and non-Government industry entities operating on a voluntary, organized basis during emergencies at national, state, or operational (local) area levels.

Emergency Coordinating Officer (ECO) – A person who manages the functions of the Emergency Operations Center.

Emergency Operations Center (EOC) – A secure location to determine situational status, coordinate actions and make critical decisions during emergency and disaster situations. The EOC for the District of Columbia is located at the Emergency Management Agency.

Federal Radiological Emergency Response Plan (FRERP) – Provides an organized and integrated capability for timely, coordinated response by federal agencies to peacetime radiological emergencies.

Federal Radiological Monitoring and Assessment Center (FRMAC) – An operations center usually established near the scene of a radiological emergency from which the federal field monitoring and assessment assistance is directed and coordinated.

Federal Response Plan (FRP) – The FRP establishes a process and structure for the systematic, coordinated, and effective delivery of federal assistance to address the consequences of any major disaster or emergency declared under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended (42 U.S. Code [USC], et seq.). The FRP Terrorism Incident Annex defines the organizational structures used to coordinate crisis management with consequence management. (Source: FRP Terrorism Incident Annex, April 1999)

Geographic Information System (GIS) – A computer system capable of assembling, storing, manipulating, and displaying geographically referenced information, i.e. data identified according to their locations.

Hazard Mitigation Grants Program (HMGP) – A program administered by the FEMA to provide grants to States and local governments for implementing long-term hazard mitigation measures after a major disaster declaration.

Incident Command System (ICS) – A model for disaster response that calls for the use of common terminology, modular organization, integrated communications, unified command structure, action planning, manageable span-of-control, pre-designated facilities, and comprehensive resource management.

Lead Agency – The federal department or agency assigned lead responsibility under U.S. law to manage and coordinate the federal response in a specific functional area. Lead agencies support the overall lead federal agency (LFA) during all phases of the response.

Lead Federal Agency (LFA) – The agency designated by the President to lead and coordinate the overall federal response is referred to as the LFA and is determined by the type of emergency. In general, an LFA establishes operational structures and procedures to assemble and work with agencies providing direct support to the LFA in order to provide an initial assessment of the situation, develop an action plan, monitor and update operational priorities, and ensure each agency exercises its concurrent and distinct authorities under U.S. law and supports the LFA in carrying out the President's relevant policy. Specific responsibilities of an LFA vary according to the agency's unique statutory authorities.

Mitigation – Those actions (including threat and vulnerability assessments) taken to reduce the exposure to and detrimental effects of a weapons of mass destruction (WMD) incident.

Preparedness – Establishing the plans, training, exercises, and resources necessary to achieve readiness for all hazards including WMD incidents.

Recovery – Recovery, in this document, includes all types of emergency actions dedicated to the continued protection of the public or promoting the resumption of normal activities in the affected area.

Response – Executing the plan and resources identified to perform those duties and services to preserve and protect life and property as well as provide services to the surviving population.

Terrorism – The unlawful use of force or violence against persons or property to intimidate or coerce a government, the civilian population, or any segment thereof, in furtherance of political or social objectives. Domestic terrorism involves groups or individuals who are based and operate entirely within the United States and U.S. territories without foreign direction and whose acts are directed at elements of the U.S. government or population.

Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) – Any explosive, incendiary, or poison gas, bomb, grenade, rocket having a propellant charge of more than 4 ounces, or a missile having an explosive incendiary charge of more than 0.25 ounce, or mine or device similar to the above; poison gas; weapon involving a disease organism; or weapon that is designed to release radiation or radioactivity at a level dangerous to human life. (Source: 18 USC 2332a as referenced in 18 USC 921).

ACRONYMS**A** _____**AEOC** Alternate Emergency Operations Center**AFB** Air Force Base**ANCs** Advisory Neighborhood Commissions**ARC** American Red Cross**ARES** Amateur Radio Emergency Services**ARG** Accident Response Group**ARL** Advance Recovery Liaison**B** _____**BDC** Bomb Data Center**BOMA** Building Owners and Managers Association**C** _____**CDC** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**CDRG** Catastrophic Disaster Response Group**CDU** Civil Disturbance Units**CEMP** Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan**CEO** Chief Executive Officer**CERCLA** Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation,
and Liability Act**CFO** Chief Financial Officer**CFSA** Child and Family Services Agency**CHEMTREC** Chemical Transportation Emergency Center**CHPPM** Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine**CIRG** Crisis Incident Response Group**CISD** Critical Incident Stress Debriefing**CISM** Critical Incident Stress Management**CMC** Command Management Center

CMT	Consequence Management Team
CMU	Crisis Management Unit
CNCS	DC Commission on National and Community Service
CoM	Consequence Management
COG	Continuity of Government
COG	Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
CoU	Consortium of Universities
CPO	Chief Procurement Officer
CrM	Crisis Management
CRU	Crisis Response Unit
CWS	Church World Services
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DC	District of Columbia
DCEO	District of Columbia Energy Office
DEST	Domestic Emergency Support Team
DCFEMS	District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department
DCHA	District of Columbia Housing Authority
DCLEPC	District of Columbia Local Emergency Planning Council
DCMR	District of Columbia Municipal Regulations
DCNG	District of Columbia National Guard
DCCO	DC Coordinating Officer
DCOA	District of Columbia Office on Aging
DCOP	District of Columbia Office of Personnel
DCPL	District of Columbia Public Libraries
DCPS	District of Columbia Public Schools
DCRA	Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs
DCT	Donations Coordination Team
DCVOAD	District of Columbia Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters

DDOT	District Department of Transportation
DFO	Disaster Field Office
DFOLT	Disaster Field Office Liaison Team
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services
DHS	Department of Human Services
DISR	Department of Insurance and Securities Regulation
DMAT	Disaster Medical Assistance Team
DMCR	Disaster Management Central Resource
DMH	Department of Mental Health
DMORT	Disaster Mortuary Response Team
DMV	Department of Motor Vehicles
DOC	Department of Corrections
DOD	Department of Defense
DOE	Department of Energy
DOES	Department of Employment Services
DOH	Department of Health
DOJ	Department of Justice
DOT	Department of Transportation
DPR	District of Columbia Department of Parks and Recreation
DPW	Department of Public Works
DRP	District Response Plan
E	
EAS	Emergency Alert System
EBS	Emergency Broadcast System
ECC	Emergency Communications Center
ECO	Emergency Coordinating Officer
EEI	Essential Element of Information
ELO	ESF Liaison Officer
EMA	District of Columbia Emergency Management Agency
EMS	Emergency Medical Services

EMT	Emergency Medical Technician
EOC	Emergency Operations Center
EOF	Emergency Operations Facility
EOM	Executive Office of the Mayor
EOP	Emergency Operations Plan
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
EPC	Emergency Preparedness Council
EPG	Emergency Preparedness Group
ERP	Emergency Response Plan
ERT	Emergency Response Team
ERT-A	Emergency Response Team – Advance Element
ERTU	Evidence Response Team Unit
ESF	Emergency Support Function
ESP	Essential Service Protection
EST	Emergency Support Team
ETC	Emergency Transportation Coordinator
F	
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
FBI-JTTF	Federal Bureau of Investigation Joint Terrorism Task Force
FBIOSC	FBI On-Scene Commander
FCO	Federal Coordinating Officer
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FEST	Foreign Emergency Support Team
FMA	Fleet Management Administration
FMAP	Flood Mitigation Assistance Program
FMARS	Fire Mutual Aid Response System
FHMO	Federal Hazard Mitigation Officer
FOIA	Freedom Of Information Act
FOMA	Facilities Operations Maintenance Administration
FRERP	Federal Radiological Emergency Response Plan

FRMAC	Federal Radiological Monitoring and Assessment Center
FRMAP	Federal Radiological Monitoring and Assessment Plan
FRP	Federal Response Plan
FRPTIA	Federal Response Plan Terrorism Incident Annex
FS	Forest Service
FTS	Federal Telecommunications System
G _____	
GETS	Government Emergency Telecommunications Service
GIS	Geographic Information System
GSA	General Services Administration
GWU	George Washington University Medical Center
H _____	
HazMat	Hazardous Materials
HECC	Health Emergency Coordination Center
HMARS	Hospital Municipal Aid Radio System
HMGP	Hazard Mitigation Grants Program
HMRU	Hazardous Materials Response Unit
HQ	Headquarters
HRT	Hostage Rescue Team (CIRG)
HTIS	Hazardous Technical Information Services (DoD)
HUH	Howard University Hospital
I _____	
IC	Incident Commander
ICS	Incident Command System
ICT	Incident Command Team
IMS	Incident Management System
IND	Improvised Nuclear Device
INS	Immigration and Naturalization Service
IRAP	Interagency Radiological Assistance Plan
IRC	Information Resource Commission

IST	Incident Support Team
J _____	
JCE	Joint Coordinating Element
JIC	Joint Information Center
JOC	Joint Operations Center
L _____	
LAN	Local Area Network
LFA	Lead Federal Agency
LHMO	Local Hazard Mitigation Offices
LMS	Local Hazard Mitigation Strategy
M _____	
MAC	Mapping and Analysis Center
MARS	Mutual Aid Resource System
MCI	Microwave Communications Incorporated
MDOT	Maryland Department of Transportation
MECC	Mobile Emergency Communications Center
MEDCOM	Medical Command
MERL	Mobile Emergency Radiological Laboratory
MME	Mass Migration Event
MMRS	Metropolitan Medical Response System
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPD	Metropolitan Police Department
MSU	Medical Support Unit
N _____	
NAP	Nuclear Assessment Program
NAWAS	National Warning System
NBCA	Nuclear Biological Chemical Agent
NCP	National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (National Contingency Plan)

NCR	National Capital Region
NCS	National Communications System
NDMS	National Disaster Medical System
NDPO	National Domestic Preparedness Office
NEST	Nuclear Emergency Search Team
NETC	National Emergency Training Center
NFA	National Fire Academy
NFIP	National Flood Insurance Program
NGB	National Guard Bureau
NHC	National Hurricane Center
NHS	National Highway System
NIEOC	National Interagency Emergency Operations Center
NMRT	National Medical Response Team
NPS	National Park Service
NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
NRCS	National Resource Conservation Service
NRT	National Response Team
NSC	National Security Council
NSEP	National Security Emergency Preparedness
NTIS	National Technical Information Service
NWS	National Weather Service

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OAPIA	Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs
OC	Office of Communications
OCA	Office of the City Administrator
OCC	Office of the Corporation Counsel
OCFO	Office of the Chief Financial Officer
OCME	Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
OCO	Office of Community Outreach
OCP	Office of Contracting and Procurement

OCFO	Office of the Chief Financial Officer
OCTO	Office of the Chief Technology Officer
OCTT	Office of Cable Television and Telecommunications
OEP	Office of Emergency Preparedness
OFCM	Office of the Federal Coordinator for Meteorology
OIG	Office of the Inspector General (USDA)
OLA	Office on Latino Affairs
OPM	Office of Property Management
OSC	On-Scene Coordinator or On-Scene Commander
OSLDPS	Office for State and Local Domestic Preparedness Support
P _____	
PAO	Public Assistance Officer
PDA	Preliminary Damage Assessment
PDAT	Preliminary Damage Assessment Team
PDD	Presidential Decision Directive
PDD-39	Presidential Decision Directive 39, "United States Policy on Counterterrorism"
PECN	Private Emergency Communications Network
PEPCO	Potomac Electric Power Company
PIO	Public Information Officer
PHS	Public Health Service
PMARS	Police Mutual Response System
POC	Point of Contact
PSC	Public Service Commission
PSCC	Public Safety Communications Center
PSP	Protective Services Police
R _____	
R&D	Research and Development
RAC	Regional Assistance Committee
RACES	Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services

RAG	Reliability Assessment Group
RAP	Radiological Assistance Program
RC	Recovery Center
RCRA	Research Conservation and Recovery Act
RDD	Radiological Dispersal Device
REACT	Radio Emergency Associated Communication Teams
REAC/TS	Radiation Emergency Assistance Center/Training Site
REEF	Radiological Emergency Evaluation Facility
REMP	Radiological Emergency Management Plan
RERO	Radiological Emergency Response Operations
RFA	Request for Federal Assistance
RIAT	Rapid Impact Assessment Team
RIC	Reconstruction Information Center
RICCS	Regional Incident Communication and Coordination System
RM	Recovery Manager
RO	Radiological Officer
ROC	Regional Operations Center
RPA	Request for Public Assistance
RRIS	Rapid Response Information System (FEMA)
RRT	Rapid Response Team
RSO	Radiation Safety Officer
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SAC	Special Agent in Charge (FBI)
SAMAS	State Automated Management Accounting System
SAR	Search and Rescue
SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
SBA	Small Business Administration
SCAT	Staff Coordination and Assessment Team
SCBA	Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus

SIOC	Strategic Information and Operations Center (FBI HQ)
SITREP	Situation Report
SLG	State and Local Guide
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
SMO	State Mitigation Officer
SMRAP	Southern Mutual Radiological Assistance Plan
SNAG	Special Needs Advisory Group
SNTF	Special Needs Task Force
SOCC	Synchronized Operations Command Complex
SQM	State Quarter Master
SR	Switch Redirect
STP	Emergency Surface Transportation Evacuation Plan
T	
TAG	Technical Advisory Group
TAG-EOC	Technical Advisory Group Emergency Operations Center
TIA	Terrorist Incident Appendix
TMC	Traffic Management Center
TRIS	Toxic Release Inventory System
TSP	Telecommunications Service Priority
U	
UC	Unified Command
UCS	Unified Command System
UDC	University of the District of Columbia
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
USAR	Urban Search and Rescue
USC	U.S. Code
USCG	United States Coast Guard
USDA	U.S. Department of Agriculture
USDA Forest Service	U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service
USFA	U.S. Fire Administration

V _____**VA** Department of Veterans Affairs**VDOT** Virginia Department of Transportation**VOAD** Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters**W** _____**WARS** Weekly Activity Report System**WASA** Water and Sewer Authority**WATS** Wide Area Telephone Service**WAWAS** Washington Area Warning Alert System**WEHTS** Washington Elderly Handicapped Transportation Service**WGC** Washington Gas Company**WMATA** Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority**WMD** Weapons of Mass Destruction**WMD-CST** WMD Civil Support Team

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